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Pets.tv Episode #401A

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## General Synopsis for Episode #401A

In this episode <u>Pets.tv</u> "Just ASK the Pet Vet" veterinarian Dr. Mark Miller at the Sweetwater Veterinary Clinic in southern California addresses questions about the favorite foods we love to eat and if they are safe and healthy to give to our pets. As Dr. Miller responds to individual food questions, the viewers learn that many human foods like bananas, honey, strawberries, cheese, carrots and olive oil is fine to feed your pet. He tells the audience to make sure the amount you feed your pet matches their size to avoid stomach distress, becoming overweight and does not increase begging. He states chemicals in grapes and raisins can be toxic so avoid sharing them with your pets. He also advises feeding your dog cooked bones so that they are soft and can be easier to digest. During the show, pet owners learn that chocolate is more harmful for small dogs than large due to the chemicals and fat. Viewers learn Pepto Bismol and aspirin in small amounts or for a short time are fine to use as a treatment for your pet. Pets.tv food facts between each segment provide young viewers with additional informational facts about human food that provides health and nutrition benefits for our pets.

## Observation and Conclusion

Episode #401A, young viewers learn what foods we love are safe to feed pets and what foods must be avoided so not make the pets sick or overweight. They also learn certain products used to treat humans may not be appropriate for animals. This episode of Pets.tv delivers an educational and informational message that supports current social, intellectual and emotional aspects of children ages 13 and up.

Sincerely,

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